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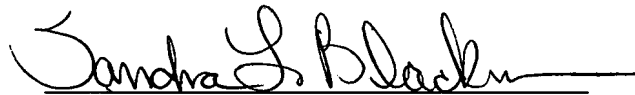
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 17, 2000 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English language abstract and the U.S. equivalent of the non-English documents and copies of the English language versions of search reports from the

European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention copending Application No. 09/669,912 filed September 26, 2000.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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